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**KEWEENAW NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 20, 2010**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kim Hoagland at 9:02 a.m.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

Present: Commissioners

Kim Hoagland, At-Large  
Ed Jenich, Houghton County Board of Commissioners  
Allan Johnson, State of Michigan  
Bob Langseth, Calumet Township  
Sue Dana, Village of Calumet  
Steve Albee, At-Large  
John Sullivan, Franklin and Quincy Townships

Present: Executive Director

Scott See

Present: Keweenaw National Historical Park

Jim Corless, Superintendent

Present: Recording Secretary

Bill Rosemurgy

Present: Guests

Judy Albee  
Amy Berglund, U.S. Senator Karl Levin's office  
Virginia Jamison, Keweenaw County Historical Society  
Anita Campbell, IRKPA and Keweenaw Heritage Center  
Bill Polkinghorn  
Greg Markham, Hanka Homestead  
Donna Cole  
Jean Pemberton, Copper Range Historical Society  
Kurt Hauglie, Daily Mining Gazette

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Dana and seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Motion carried unanimously. (7/0)**

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2010**

**Moved by Jenich and seconded by Albee to approve the minutes as presented.**

**Motion carried unanimously. (7/0)**

#### **V. BUSINESS**

##### **1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – SCOTT SEE REPORT (highlighted items from report to commission)**

###### **a) Goal #2 – Develop Keweenaw Heritage Sites**

1. Twelve Heritage Sites attended the spring meeting. Lengthy discussion regarding KHS Self-Evaluation process with some sites expressing concerns with process while others reporting positive feedback. A subcommittee was established to discuss how to improve the process. Goal is to better determine how to direct funds and resources where most needed.
2. Supt. Corless and See visited Adventure Mine and Old Victoria. Objectives of visits are to provide an opportunity for the sites to provide feedback on their relationship with NPS and the Commission and for Corless and See to become more familiar with the resources at the sites.

###### **b) Goal #3 – Develop partnerships that provide visitors with better experience along length of Keweenaw**

1. Quincy Smelter:
  - a. See completed work gathering letters of support to move Isle Royale facilities to smelter site. 20 letters from organizations and individuals were obtained and forwarded to the NPS Regional Director.
  - b. Supt. Corless and See met with members of the Torch Lake Public Advisory Council regarding activities at the smelter. The PAC was originally established to provide public input to EPA during the Superfund process.
2. See contacted State Representative Lahti's office to express the Commission's concern about MDOT's handling of the park's signage program. Lahti's office subsequently called MDOT and it appears the project is moving forward with urgency. Commissioners Dana and Sullivan also stressed the urgency of the plan to MDOT.
3. See met with MTU Archivist Erik Nordberg to explore how to include the Archives in park activities. A representative

from the Archives attended the Heritage Sites spring meeting.

4. See participated in a tour of the Keweenaw with members of the Copper Country Trail National Scenic Byway Committee and staff from Wells Resources. Wells Resources has been engaged to develop an interpretive plan of the byway. See attended the tour to represent the Commission and the Heritage Sites. From the discussions it appears that the Heritage Sites will play a major role in the byway interpretive plan.
5. See arranged for members of the NPS staff to tour the Cliff Mine site. NPS staff observed Michigan Tech Archaeological Field School in action.

**c) Goal #4 – Promote a historic preservation ethic**

1. Grant Program:
  - a. 33 grant applications were received requesting \$208,000 in project funding. Applications ranged across the Keweenaw and included property owners, individuals, and organizations. \$100,000 was awarded to 24 projects.
  - b. See acknowledged with thanks the work and assistance of the volunteer members who evaluated the applications and especially the work of Tom Baker.
2. Commissioner Johnson and See had two meetings concerning the Cliff Mine site. The main focus of current discussions is to determine how to protect the site from future damage. Keweenaw County Road Commission owns the site, but has been open to discussing future preservation and interpretation.

**d) Goal #5 – Commission development**

1. See attended the International Heritage Development Conference in Charleston, South Carolina. See attended sessions on generational marketing, building partnerships, leveraging money, cultural heritage tourism, and several sessions that focused on the state of historic preservation in the United States and the role of partnerships within the NPS.

**2. COMMISSION REPORTS**

**a) Announcements – Kim Hoagland report**

1. Welcomed new commissioner John Sullivan to the commission. Sullivan represents Quincy & Franklin Townships.
2. Noted the passing of Dick Rupley who was an advocate of local history. A moment of silence was observed.

**b) Budget – Sue Dana report:**

1. **Summary of Revenues and Expenditures 2010 (See Attachment).**

**Moved by Dana and seconded by Johnson to approve quarterly bills for payment totaling \$60,646.38.**

**Motion carried unanimously. (7/0)**

**c) Development – no report:**

**d) Partnerships – report:**

1. Received trademark registration for Keweenaw Heritage Site and KHNP logo. Licensing of “brand” is important for visitor identification.
2. 2010 rack cards have been distributed
3. Website updates have been finalized
4. Keweenaw Heritage Site advertisements have run the Marquette Monthly, Copper Country History Magazine, and the Keweenaw Traveler
5. Miner logo t-shirts and miner logo stickers are available at selected Heritage sites
6. Postcards and posters are being printed and will be available in the future

**e) Preservation-Stewardship – Kim Hoagland report:**

1. 4-County Survey: Currently evaluating how much work remains to be completed. The results will be translated to estimate required hours and then calculated to a final cost which will indicate a fundraising goal.

**3. PARK REPORTS**

**a) Jim Corless, Park Superintendent (See Attachment)**

**1. Highlighted items from Superintendent’s report to the Advisory Commission:**

- a. Item 1. – Quincy Smelter: EPA and DNRE disagree on requirements for delisting the property which will potentially cause the loss of an opportunity to use EPA Brownfield funding for remediation. Also, EPA has presented NPS with a second letter specifically agreeing to terms of assistance to Franklin Township that reduces exposure to liability for contamination and frees NPS up to work with Franklin Township on stabilization and planning. Franklin Township is moving forward with 2010 stabilization project at furnace complex.

- b. Item 2. – Park-wide Sign Plan: Since the May KNHPAC meeting, MDOT has been working with DeLong to refine the right of way signs for the Keweenaw Heritage Site program. It appears NPS will be able to contract for the fabrication and installation of the signs before the expiration date for funding, but installation will not be scheduled until spring 2011.
- c. Item 3. – Union Building: Interior rehabilitation is under way and planning for NPS’s first visitor center is to the point of reviewing draft text and exhibit panel design. Both components of the project are on track for a late summer 2011 opening.
- d. Item 4. – Italian Hall Park: Wayside exhibits for the 2013 centennial commemoration of the 1913 strike and the Italian Hall tragedy are under development. The facilitator, Marcella Wells, is conducting interpretive planning for the Copper County Scenic Byway and facilitated community engagement activities for the Union Building will also be working with the Arts and Design classes at Finlandia University to update visioning for the long range design and interpretation of the site.
- e. Item 5. – Park Tour Booklet: Travel Dynamics has returned \$4,185 to the park that we refunded to them due to a billing error last year. Those funds will be turned over to the IRKPA for use in publishing work.
- f. Item 5. – Russell Snowplow Restoration: NPS has funded the planning for the restoration of the Russell Snowplow. It is anticipated that preservation funds will be available in 2011. The project provides for access to the rear of the plow which will provide opportunities for an elevated view of the surface works and historical rail spurs south of the plow.
- g. Item 7. – 2011 Budget: There may be a reduction in the local operational budget of \$10,000. However, KHNP management is working with the regional office to try to offset some of the shortfall by advance funding of 2010 grant program, through transfer of some regional year-end funds to the Commission.
- h. Item 8. – America’s Great Outdoors Planning Initiative: Commission Chair Hoagland and Corless have placed a suggestion and comment on the

President's AGO website related to the utilization of KNHP's partnership model as one that could be examined in the initiative's goal of promoting federal/local partnerships in expanding the opportunities to experience our country's natural and cultural history resources. If reviewed by the administration, this could bring attention to KNHP and perhaps lead to an evaluation of the model's effectiveness. The public is encouraged to add comments and/or vote for existing comments.

- i. Item 9. – Public Preservation Workshop: Park staff, along with KNHPAC Executive Director Scott See and in cooperation with SHPO is developing a public workshop related to the community value of historic preservation, aimed at municipal planners, developers, and A&E firms. KNHP will be seeking a partnership with one or more regional business and development organizations in hosting the workshop.
- j. Item 10. – Youth Initiative Program: This year, KNHP received funding to initiate a youth employment program, aimed at sustaining the involvement of youth who have in some way engage in the park through individual programs. KNHP has used the funds to hire three seasonal employees.

**b) Management Assistant's Report – Jim Corless Report (See Attachment)**

**1. Highlighted items from report to Commission:**

- a. Item 1. – Interim Land Protection Plan: The Interim Land Protection Plan has been approved by the Regional Director. It provides guidance for protecting land resources within the legislated boundaries of the park.

Chair Hoagland questioned Corless as to the Advisory Commission wasn't consulted on the plan? Corless responded with an apology saying that it was an unfortunate administrative oversight.

- b. Item 2. – Keweenaw Heritage Grants: NPS awarded eleven grants totaling \$50,000 to leverage \$173,000 worth of projects. 14 project proposals were received. Senator Levin has contacted recipients with congratulation letters.

- c. Item 5. – FinnFest 2013: Tom Baker represented the NPS at the FinnFest USA 2013 organizational meeting hosted by Finlandia University. Finlandia College will pursue selection to host the 2013 gathering.

**c) Historian’s Report – Jim Corless Report (See Attachment)**

**1. Highlighted items from report to Commission:**

- a. Item 1. – History: Reviewed film “1913 Massacre” rough cut and supervised intern Bradshaw from Grand Valley State University for 8 weeks during which time she conducted 4 oral history interviews, transcribed 1, and accessioned 12 interviews into the museum collection.
- b. Item 4. – Compliance: Completed Section 106 reviews on 4 park projects (flagpole removal, Mesnard house, Limerick house, and Union Building conduit) including 2 that required consultation with SHPO and archeological monitoring.
- c. Technical Assistance: Superintendent, Management Assistant, and Historian provided a total of 292 hours of technical assistance to partners during the previous quarter.

**d) Museum, Archives, and Historical Services – Jim Corless Report (See Attachment)**

**1. Highlighted items from report to Commission:**

- a. Item 1. – Museum Backlog Cataloging Project: At the six month mark of this project, Museum Technicians Miller, Blackburn, and Sexton have cataloged a total of 1,874 objects into 1,644 catalog records.
- b. Item 5. – Youth Intern Program: The division has hired local student Jonathan Kilpela. Kilpela has been a successful participant in the Local History Smackdown in recent years.
- c. Item 6. – Museum acquisitions were noted.
- d. Item 7. – Fourth Thursday in History: Marking its 10<sup>th</sup> year, Advisory Commission Chair Hoagland spoke in May about her new book, “Mine Towns: Buildings for Workers in Michigan’s Copper Country”.
- e. Item 8. – Keweenaw Heritage Sites Assistance and Cooperative Projects: KNHP is enrolled in a web-based professional development series from the

American Association of Museums for museum and Heritage Site personnel.

- f. Item 12. – Research Conducted at the Keweenaw History Center: To date in FY 2010 there have been 129 research requests.
- g. Item 13. – Lake Superior Collection Management Center: The creation of a Collection Management Plan for the multi-park repository here at KNHP will see fruition next year.

**e) Interpretation and Education – Jim Corless Report (See Attachment)**

**1. Highlighted items from report to Commission:**

- a. Item 4. – Park headquarters is open on weekends when seasonal staff is available. Visitor attendance to park headquarters is up again as compared to last year.
- b. Item 6. – Fourth Thursday in History program schedule from July through October was highlighted.
- c. Item 9. – Dan Johnson has been providing technical assistance to the Quincy Mine as they develop interpretive panes for the hoist house and Keweenaw County Historical Society.
- d. Item 10. – Dan Johnson attended a media workshop at Yellowstone National Park learning how to develop e-tours, podcasts, and other media formats. He will work on developing new media for KNHP the fall and winter.
- e. Item 13. – Next IRKPA board meeting is July 22 and will include a farewell gathering for retired Executive Director, Jill Burkland.
- f. Item 15. – IRKPA board member Ed Sheridan has been attending many local community events with an information tent and display, helping local community members better understand the role of IRKPA and the connection to the parks
- g. Item 17. – Dan Johnson will spend two weeks in July in Jordan conducting interpretive training for staffs at three national park sites.

**f) Preservation Services – Jim Corless Report (See Attachment)**

**1. Highlighted items from report to Commission:**

- a. Stabilize Mesnard Street Car Station: Project completed

- b. Install New Slate Roof for Keweenaw Heritage Center: Project is planned for 2011
- c. Property Owner, 115 Fifth Street, Calumet: Documented existing conditions and developed façade rehabilitation alternatives
- d. QMHA, Stabilize Company House (158 Limerick) and Outbuildings: Project completed
- e. Village of Calumet Certified Local Government Application (re-submittal): Community Preservation Goals developed with input from Village Council. Adoption planned by end of summer with re-submittal of application by year end.

#### **4. COMMISSION REPORTS**

##### **a) Johnson**

- 1. Johnson questioned Corless regarding how Park interns are paid. Corless responded that often times the intern is not paid. NPS and IRS have had discussions about reimbursement issues. A 1099 for reimbursement of expenses is difficult. The problems have put a damper on volunteer interns. KNHP provides free housing for interns which does not require issuing a 1099.
- 2. Noted the efforts of the Keweenaw County Historical Society sites and specifically the Cliff Mine site.

##### **b) Langseth**

- 1. Langseth questioned that since Yalmer Mattila has been contracted for work at the Union Building, how much of the funding stays in the local community. Corless responded that more than 90% of the rehabilitation costs are going to local firms and/or local sub-contractors. The remaining contracts have been awarded for planning and exhibit design to firms with required national experience.
- 2. Langseth also raised the question of additional park entrance signs. Corless replied that signs are needed further south and west on traveler approach to the Keweenaw. He suggested that this might be a role for the Advisory Commission as the locations are outside park boundaries.
- 3. Suggested that KNHP investigate Smithsonian Affiliate Program. Shared resources, technical assistance, and personnel are possible outcomes. Artifacts can be borrowed from the Smithsonian collections and the Smithsonian logo can be used on marketing materials. The cost is approximately \$2,000 per year.

**c) Jenich**

1. Noted the positive work on the Union Building rehabilitation and other positive activities within the park.

**d) Dana**

1. Noted that Peggy Germain and the Friends of Italian Hall have provided minutes of recent meetings, the transfer of property document, her statement and letter to the Advisory Commission, and an article she has written. Copies have been provided to all Commission members. Germain has concerns regarding the language, and the credit for developing the language, on current historical marker at the site. Germain has been invited to the Advisory Commission meeting. The Advisory Commission will take all the information presented under advisement.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**1. Comments from Legislators or Legislative Staff**

- a) None noted.

**2. Comments from the Public**

- a) **Virginia Jamison:** Keweenaw County Historical Society program at the Cliff Mine will include interpretation activities, wagon rides. Corless noted that the success of this program provides proof of demand for access to historical sites and especially those that are under-preserved.

- b) **Anita Campbell (IRKPA & Keweenaw Heritage Center):**

1. Noted the value of the park newspaper
2. Noted the reception for Jill Burkland
3. Corless noted that IRKPA fully funds production of the park newspaper

- c) **Jean Pemberton (Copper Range Historical Society):**

1. Thanks to KNHP for ranger at 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration in South Range
2. Handicapped-access ramp needed at museum
3. Langseth questioned if highway relocation has had negative impact on museum attendance. Pemberton thought the impact has not been adverse.

- d) **Greg Markham (Hanka Homestead):**

1. Noted an upcoming event at the Hanka Homestead.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT; NEXT MEETING**

**Moved by Sullivan and seconded by Albee to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m.**

**Motion carried unanimously. (7/0)**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

These unapproved minutes are respectfully submitted by  
Bill Rosemurgy

## Quarterly Summary – 7/20/10

Scott F. See

1. Advise the National Park Service at Keweenaw National Historical Park on park planning, preservation, interpretation and operational matters.
  - No significant activity in this area during the month.
  
2. Develop the Keweenaw Heritage Sites Program into a consortium of fully sustainable sites.
  - Twelve of the Heritage Sites attended the spring meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup>. In addition to site reports and updates from several of the NPS staff, we had a rather spirited discussion about the KHS Self-Evaluation process. While several of the sites expressed concerns with the process, a number of other sites reported positive feedback. A subcommittee will discuss how to improve the process going forward.
  - Marketing
    - We received our trademark designations for the term Keweenaw Heritage Site and the Miner Logo. The Commission has started discussing possible licensing and usage guidelines.
    - The marketing committee distributed most of the 2010 rack cards that were printed, and has completed the website changes for 2010. KHS ads have run in several issues of Marquette Monthly, the Keweenaw Traveler and the Copper Country History magazine.
    - On the merchandising front, we've received the Miner Logo t-shirts and they look great. Adventure Mine, Quincy Mine, and Fort Wilkins are currently selling the shirts, and I have several extra shirts for other interested sites to purchase. The stickers arrived and they also look great. Currently, only Adventure Mine is selling the stickers.
  - Superintendent Corless and I visited Adventure Mine and Old Victoria on June 21<sup>st</sup>. These were the first two visits in a schedule to visit all of the Heritage Sites this summer. The objectives of the visits are to provide an opportunity for the sites to provide feedback on their relationship with the NPS and the Commission, as well as to allow us to become more familiar the resources of the sites. Future visits will include participation by Commissioners who are site liaisons.
  
3. Develop partnerships that provide visitors with a cohesive, accessible, and engaging national park experience along the entire length of the Keweenaw.
  - Quincy Smelter
    - I completed my work gathering the letters of support for the move of the Isle Royale facilities to the smelter site. Letters from twenty individuals and organizations went to NPS Regional Director Ernie Quintana. Combined with the results of the cost analysis, these letters seemed to have had the desired effect as we learned that the

NPS will be moving on to a Value Analysis exercise sometime in August.

- Superintendent Corless and I met with members of the Torch Lake Public Advisory Council regarding the activities at the smelter. The PAC expressed a desire to ensure that the parking needs of Mont Ripley were included in the smelter redevelopment plans, and that the PAC was included as a stakeholder in future conversations about the smelter. The Quincy Smelter Steering Committee had already agreed to add Nick Sirdenis from Mont Ripley to the committee, and the PAC determined that this link would likely be sufficient.
  - Following the Commission's April quarterly meeting I contacted Representative Mike Lahti's office to express the Commission's concern about MDOT's handling of the park's signage program. Lahti's office subsequently followed up with MDOT and it seems that the project is moving forward with a higher level of urgency. Commissioner Dana also stressed the urgency of the plan with MDOT at a meeting in Ishpeming.
  - I met with Erik Nordberg from the MTU Archives to further explore how to include the Archives in park activities. A representative from the Archives did attend the Heritage Sites meeting.
  - I participated in a day-long tour of the Keweenaw with members of the Copper Country Trail National Scenic Byway Committee and staff from Wells Resources. The byway committee has engaged Wells Resources to develop an interpretive plan of the byway and I attended the tour to represent the Commission and the Heritage Sites in the conversation. The group stopped at Fort Wilkins and several Keweenaw County Historical Society sites. The Wells Resources staff members were clearly impressed by the historical and natural resources in the Keweenaw, and it seems clear that our Heritage Sites will play a major role in the byway interpretive plan.
  - I arranged for members of the NPS staff to tour the Cliff Mine site on June 16<sup>th</sup>. I wanted the staff to see the Michigan Tech Archaeological Field School in action, as well as get a guided tour of the site. I received positive feedback from the staff, and Superintendent Corless commented that the resources at Cliff are of such importance that the Commission and the NPS really should consider them for future protection.
4. Promote a historic preservation ethic and emphasize heritage awareness.
- Grant Program
    - I met with numerous grant applicants as we approached the April 26<sup>th</sup> deadline for our Heritage Grant Program. The focus of these meetings was to give the applicants feedback on their applications to, hopefully, produce higher quality submissions.
    - Tom Baker and I planned and executed the grant evaluation process. We created a process, ground rules, and a scoring system to get through the 33 applications we received. The evaluation

panel met from 9:00a to 6:00p on the April 29<sup>th</sup>. The results of this session will be announced in a press release on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone who participated.

- Grants, grants, grants. I spent quite a bit of office time in May sending formal award letters and creating the paperwork required to distribute the funds to the awardees. Although the Commission is not using the NPS contracting mechanisms, I'm replicating the paperwork that would be required if we had used the NPS system. While this is somewhat tedious, it should provide an adequate paper trail for any future questions or audits. Tom Baker has been a great help in navigating the forms and providing me with sample documents. There are definitely several improvement items that we'll need to discuss as we plan for our 2011 program.
- The bulk of my time in June was spent completing the administrative steps required by our grant program. I had phone or face-to-face meetings with each of the 13 applicants who were awarded Commission funds. I produced grant agreements and other related documents for each of these meetings. For those projects that included historic preservation activities, I ensured that the awardees met with NPS staff to cover various Federal compliance requirements. Finally, I issued checks to each of the awardees; I disbursed the entire \$50,000 by June 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Commissioner Johnson and I had two meetings concerning the Cliff Mine site. We met with Gina Nicholas from the Houghton/Keweenaw Conservation District and Ginny Jamison from the Keweenaw County Historical Society to discuss how to protect the site from future damage.

5. Develop the Commission into a sustainable operating organization.

- I attended the International Heritage Development Conference in Charleston, South Carolina from June 27 through July 1. This was the regular triennial conference sponsored by the Alliance of National Heritage Areas. I attended workshop sessions on Generational Marketing, Building Partnerships, Leveraging Money, and Cultural Heritage Tourism. In addition, I attended several sessions that focused on the state of historic preservation in the U.S. and the role of partnerships within the National Park Service. Finally, the conference also allowed for some productive networking and tours of the local area. It was a very engaging conference, and I believe there are a number of ideas that we can implement at KEWE. I would, however, suggest that late June is not the best time of the year to visit South Carolina!



## Keweenaw NHP 2010 Keweenaw Heritage Grants

### Keweenaw NHP Advisory Commission Grant Recipients

#### **MI-DNRE/ Fort Wilkins Historic State Park – Copper Harbor**

Grant amount: \$5,000

##### **An Exhibit, Retail, and Educational Strategy for the Fort Wilkins Sutler's Store**

This project will provide funds to recreate the Sutler's store interior; provide access to an original building that has never been open to the public; develop exhibits; and provide an educational experience through a costumed interpreter that works the retail store, selling wares that were typical to that historical period.

#### **Finnish American Historical Archive – Hancock**

Grant amount: \$4,000

##### **F.F. & S.C.G.L.M.R. Oral History Collection Preservation**

This project will provide funds to digitize and preserve Finlandia's Finnish Folklore and Social Change in the Great Lakes Mining Region Oral History Collection.

#### **Center for Independent Documentary – Sharon, MA**

Grant amount: \$4,000

##### **1913 Massacre Film Project**

This award will provide funds for the post-production "fine cut" of a documentary film about the Italian Hall disaster in Calumet, MI.

#### **Keweenaw County Historical Society – Eagle Harbor**

Grant amount: \$2,750

##### **Reproduction Equipment and Installation for a USCG 26-foot Surfboat**

This project will provide equipment to complete the display of the 26-foot surfboat and to make the life boat functional for demonstration and educational programs.

#### **Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association – Houghton**

Grant amount: \$4,500

##### **Exploring Michigan's Historic Copper Country Guidebook**

This award provides funds to assist with publication of the guidebook, which has been developed collaboratively with NPS staff, and which ties together the park's two units and the nineteen Keweenaw Heritage Sites to guide visitors through a unified story of copper mining on the Keweenaw Peninsula.

#### **MTU/Dept. of Social Sciences – Houghton**

Grant amount: \$6,100

**Public Archaeology at the Cliff Mine Site**

This award will provide funds to conduct a public archaeology field school at the Cliff Mine Site during the summer of 2010.

**Keweenaw County Historical Society – Eagle Harbor**

Grant amount: \$6,335

**KCHS History Museum Exterior Restoration/Rehabilitation/Access**

This award will provide funds to rehabilitate the façade of the USCG garage at the lighthouse complex by replacing the overhead doors with historically compatible units, provide UV filters on all windows to protect the museum collections within, and to provide universal accessibility throughout the building.

**Village of Calumet/Red Jacket Fire Hall – Calumet**

Grant amount: \$1,300

**Restoration of Window Frames at the Historic Red Jacket Fire Hall**

This award will provide funds for a demonstration project to restore seven wood-frame windows at the historic Red Jacket Fire Hall.

**Ontonagon County Historical Society – Ontonagon**

Grant amount \$2,000

**Summer History Internship Program (SHIP)**

This award will provide funds to administer a third summer for the SHIP program in Ontonagon, provided by the Ontonagon County Historical Society, for students aged 13-18.

**Pine Mountain Music Festival – Hancock**

Grant amount: \$2,500

**Rockland Opera Program Booklet**

This award will provide funds to develop and print a 50-page program booklet for the opera, *Rockland*, based on true, but long-forgotten strike events in the copper mining town of Rockland in Ontonagon County in 1906.

**Houghton County Historical Society – Lake Linden**

Grant amount \$3,515

**Museum Building Portico Project**

This project will provide funding for a portion of the ongoing stabilization of the Society's museum building, returning the entrance to a usable, safe state that is welcoming to visitors.

**Houghton County Genealogical Society – Calumet**

Grant amount: \$3,000

**Hecla Cemetery Signage and Boundary Identification**

This award provides funds to clean up and provide access to the historic Hecla Cemetery, provide facility and interpretive signage, and plant a living fence to delineate the boundaries.

**Chassell Historical Organization – Chassell**

Grant amount: \$5,000

**Heating System Replacement for the Chassell Heritage Center**

This award will provide funds to replace the current heating system with four high-efficiency furnaces and associated ductwork.

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**Total Commission Grants Awarded:** 13 of 19 proposals received

Of grants awarded:

Total Project Costs: \$246,876

Total Amount Requested: \$89,892

Total Amount Awarded: \$50,000

## **National Park Service Recipients**

### **Michigan House Café, LLC – Calumet**

Grant amount: \$4,104

#### **Obenhoff Building Window Project**

This project will provide funds for Michigan House Café, LLC to replace windows on the Obenhoff Building on Sixth Street in Calumet, MI, which will ensure the integrity of historical character in the Village of Calumet Civic and Commercial Historic District within the Calumet Unit of Keweenaw National Historical Park.

### **Bucko’s Party Store – Calumet**

Grant amount: \$2,446

#### **Complete Façade Rehabilitation**

This project will provide funds for Bucko’s Party Store to complete Phase II of the façade rehabilitation at 339 Fifth Street in Calumet, MI, which will ensure the integrity of historical character in the Village of Calumet Civic and Commercial Historic District within the Calumet Unit of Keweenaw National Historical Park.

### **Calumet Floral and Gifts – Calumet**

Grant amount: \$6,700

#### **Calumet Floral Building Stabilization**

This project will provide funds for Calumet Floral to repair roof drains and replace the entire roof membrane of its building at 221 Fifth Street in Calumet, MI, which will ensure the integrity of historical character in the Village of Calumet Civic and Commercial Historic District within the Calumet Unit of Keweenaw National Historical Park.

### **Christ Episcopal Church – Calumet**

Grant amount: \$6,500

#### **Door and Window Preservation**

This project will rehabilitate storm windows for 16 of the church’s exterior windows, and replace the badly worn front double doors, which will ensure the integrity of historical character in the Calumet National Historic Landmark District within Keweenaw National Historical Park.

### **Coppertown USA, Inc. – Calumet**

Grant amount: \$2,750

#### **C&H Pattern Storage Warehouse Visitor Viewing Station**

This project will provide a viewing station for visitors at the historic C&H Pattern Storage Warehouse, provide a safe walkway between the PSW and the museum, repair/replace the south end doors and security window covers, and provide an interpretive panel at the north end viewing area.

**Main Street Calumet** – Calumet

Grant amount: \$12,000

**The Heritage Festivals of Calumet**

This project involves the staging of two annual heritage festivals by the Main Street Calumet organization. Specific elements include planning, management, marketing, parade staging and prizes, heritage-based awards, entertainment, workshops, interpretive horse-drawn wagon rides, life-safety accommodations, and gestures of appreciation.

**Main Street Calumet** – Calumet

Grant amount: \$2,000

**Red Metal Radio Show**

This project involves the planning, research, writing, performance, and broadcast of the second *Red Metal Radio Show*, a one-hour live theater production that is broadcast over the radio. The 2010 show, similar in nature to the 2009 show, will combine regional narrative interpreted from local historical stories from Calumet to Hancock via an imagined streetcar ride, replete with sound effects and historical music performed by local musicians and actors.

**Quincy Mine Hoist Association** – Hancock

Grant amount: \$1,500

**Museum Interpretive Displays**

This project will develop, fabricate, and install the second phase of interpretive panels to be placed along the east wall of the Quincy Mining Company 1894 Hoist House. The panels will address the Quincy Mining Company Stamp Mill, Smelter, and Reclamation Plant operations.

**Quincy Mine Hoist Association** – Hancock

Grant amount: \$5,000

**1918 Hoist House Restoration Plans**

This project will develop construction documents, including plans and specifications, for the restoration of the areas of spalling concrete in the Quincy Mining Company 1918 Hoist House.

**Quincy Mine Hoist Association** – Hancock

Grant amount: \$5,000

**Electrical Upgrade in Adit**

This project will replace 30-year old electrical systems in the adit that provides access to the mine for visitors taking the underground mine tour. Many sections of the adit no longer have functional lighting, creating very dark conditions; the lighting is inadequate to illuminate potential tripping hazards should visitors need to walk through it.

**Charles Rastello** – Calumet

Grant amount: \$2,000

**Red Garter South Wall Restoration**

This project will provide funds for Charles Rastello to stabilize the stone wall on the south side of the site on Fifth Street in Calumet, MI where the Red Garter Restaurant once was, which will preserve the integrity of historical character in the Village of Calumet Civic and Commercial Historic District within the Calumet Unit of Keweenaw National Historical Park.

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Total NPS Grants Awarded: 11 of 14 proposals received

Of grants awarded:

Total Project Costs: \$172,899

Total Amount Requested: \$62,677

Total Amount Awarded: \$50,000

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Total applications received for 2010 Keweenaw Heritage Grants program: 33

Total amount requested: \$208,682

Total amount awarded: \$100,000



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## **Keweenaw NHP Document**

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**Superintendent's Office  
20 July 2010**

### **Highlights & Issues**

#### **Superintendent's Report**

1. Quincy Smelter: The NPS regional office has agreed to conduct a full value analysis of the rebuild alternative for ISRO headquarters at the smelter property, considering all benefits of the present location and the smelter beyond simple cost. EPA and DNR-E disagree on requirements for delisting the property, potentially causing the loss of an opportunity to use EPA's Brownfields funding to conduct the Environmental studies necessary to limit the liability of new owners/operators; instead, we may need to find those funds up front in order to pursue the delisting. EPA still anticipates completing its remediation activity on the open lands of the smelter property in 2010. And, Franklin Township is moving ahead on the 2010 stabilization project at the Reverberatory Furnace complex, though reduced in scale due to the need to reinforce some structural steel. But, the ISRO HQ rebuild has fallen off the Washington Office's five year construction plan. Recent discussions of executive committee members have included both the MDOT and the Torch Lake AOC PAC. Also, EPA has presented the NPS a second letter specifically agreeing to the terms of our assistance to Franklin Township that reduces our exposure to liability for contamination and frees us up to work hand in hand with Franklin Township on stabilization and planning projects.
2. Parkwide Sign Plan: Since the May meeting, MDOT has been working with LA Steve DeLong to refine the ROW signs for the KHS program. It appears we will have the ability to contract for the fabrication and installation of the signs before the funds expire, but installation will not be scheduled until spring of 2011.

3. Union Building: Using a combination of ARRA and appropriated funds, and a local contractor, the Union Building interior rehabilitation is under way and planning for the NPS's first KNHP visitor center within it is to the point of reviewing draft text and exhibit panel design. Both components of the project are on track for a late summer 2011 opening.
4. Italian Hall Park: A facilitated October workshop will engage the community in planning for the interpretation of Italian Hall Park, in time to seek funding for the development and installation of wayside exhibits for the 2013 centennial commemoration of the 1913 strike and the Italian Hall tragedy. The facilitator, Marcella Wells, who is conducting interpretive planning for the CC Scenic Byway and who facilitated community engagement activities for the Union Building, will also work with the Arts and Design (Fred Knoch's classes) classes at Finlandia University to update visioning for the long range design and interpretation of the site. The regional office is pursuing the steps for the Commission to accept the donation of the two adjoining lots from the Friends of Italian Hall Park.
5. Park Tour Booklet: Travel Dynamics, operator of the Clelia II cruise ship making calls in Houghton last year, has returned \$4,185 to the park that we refunded to them due to a billing error last year. It will in turn be turned over to the Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Association for use in publishing the Keweenaw road guide developed last year. Kathleen Harter, Jo Urion, and I have worked with them on the text and layout.
6. Russell Snowplow Restoration: The NPS has funded the planning for the restoration of the Russell Snowplow on Red Jacket Road, and we anticipate the preservation funds arriving in 2011; however, the fee program distribution is uncertain for 2011. The project provides for access to the rear of the plow, also providing opportunities for an elevated view of the surface works and historical rail spurs south of the plow.
7. 2011 Budget: There may be a reduction in the NPS's buying power at Keweenaw NHP in 2010. Several costs will be incurred at the start of the year and the NPS budget included a \$10,000 decrease in funding for KNHP. However, we are working with the regional office to try to offset some of or the entire shortfall by advance funding of our 2010 grant program, through transfer of some regional year-end funds to the Commission.
8. America's Great Outdoors planning initiative: Commission Chair Kim Hoagland and I have placed a suggestion and comment on the President's AGO website related to the utilization of KNHP's model as one that could be examined in the initiative's goal of promoting federal/local partnerships in expanding the opportunities to experience our country's natural and cultural history resources. If reviewed by the administration,

this could bring attention to KNHP and perhaps lead to an evaluation of the model's effectiveness and to ideas to strengthen this model of partnership. The public can also add comments to ours, or vote to promote the idea, at <http://ideas.usda.gov/ago/ideas.nsf/>, looking for Kim's comment of July 2, "A Partnership Park."

9. Public Preservation Workshop: Park staff, along with KNHPAC Executive Director Scott See and in cooperation with the State Historic Preservation officer, is developing a public workshop related to the community value of historic preservation, aimed at municipal planners, developers, and A&E firms. We will be seeking a partnership with one or more regional business and development organizations in hosting the workshop. Planning starts this week.
  
10. Youth Initiative Program: This year, KNHP received funding to initiate a youth employment program, aimed at sustaining the involvement of youth who have somehow engaged in the park through individual programs, such as the YCC or Local History High School Smackdown. We have used the funds to hire three seasonal employees – two in the Museums Division and one in Preservation Services. We have used companion funds to hire a Teacher-to-Ranger-to-Teacher to coordinate weekly training efforts that include these three employees, our seven YCC employees, and two interns. If funded next year, we will add one interpretive employee to the mix. Hired at the high school, undergrad, and graduate level, these positions provide a potential career ladder for multiple employees, ideally resulting in permanent employment opportunities. Weekly training focuses on park operations and the variety of careers available in the NPS, with introductions to the fundamentals of the NPS mission and our national parks in general. Hired this year are two individuals who have past associations, including one with an illustrious Smackdown history.

### **Management Assistant's Report**

1. Interim Land Protection Plan: The Interim Land Protection Plan has been approved by the Regional Director. It provides guidance for protecting land resources within the legislated boundaries of the park, prescribing methods of protection. It also identifies and prioritizes specific properties of critical interest. This Plan will remain in place until the completion of other planning efforts that typically inform an LPP. The NPS invites the Commission's full participation in the development of the next iteration of the Land Protection Plan, which will help to inform the impending General Management Plan. Copies have been provided for your reference, and the plan will be posted soon on the park website at [www.nps.gov/kewe](http://www.nps.gov/kewe); hard copies are also available at park headquarters.

2. Keweenaw Heritage Grants: The NPS awarded eleven Keweenaw Heritage Grants this year, providing \$50,000 of enhancement funds to \$173,000 worth of projects. Most of the projects are well under way. A total of 14 proposals were received requesting \$87,150. Grantees have told me that they were extremely pleased and honored to receive congratulatory letters from Senator Levin. I would like to thank Amy and the Senator's Washington office staff for initiating that action and bringing yet greater value to the Keweenaw Heritage Grants program for both the NPS and the Advisory Commission.
3. HUD Compliance for Quincy Smelting Works: Environmental compliance requirements for the \$285,000 HUD grant to Franklin Township to initiate stabilization of the Quincy Smelting Works has been completed, enabling the Township to request funds and begin the season's work at the Smelter site.
4. Expired Appointments: In keeping with the schedule to re-establish the legislated stagger in commissioner appointments, the process to fill both the State of Michigan's and Calumet Township's representation on the Commission have been initiated. Dr. Allan Johnson and Rev. Bob Langseth have graciously indicated that they would be willing to serve another term in those respective appointments.
5. FinnFest 2013: I represented the National Park Service at the FinnFest USA 2013 organizational meeting hosted by Finlandia University on June 28. The meeting was attended by more than 50 representatives of local, state, and national organizations. Information pertinent to hosting a FinnFest USA event was presented; discussion ensued, and consensus was reached that Finlandia, with the support and assistance of the entire Copper Country community, would, indeed, pursue selection as the host for FinnFest USA in 2013. The NPS has been asked to sit on the initial organizing committee.

## **Historian's Report**

Jo Urion, Park Historian, reports these accomplishments:

- 1) History:
  - completed planning for Phase II of the historic properties survey; and printed, bound, and distributed interim report (Phase I, Ontonagon County)
  - reviewed "1913 Massacre" rough cut
  - supervised Britney Bradshaw, an intern from Grand Valley State for 8 weeks, during which time she conducted 4 oral history interviews; transcribed 1 interview; accessioned 12 interviews into the museum collection
- 2) Outreach/Fourth Thursday:

- completed the Smackdown
  - presented a 4th Thursday in history program on Agassiz
- 3) Union Building:
- reviewed draft script for the Union Building exhibit
  - researched elements for the exhibit
  - have been working with the AV contractor for filming interviews and other audio/visual elements of the exhibit
- 4) Compliance:
- attended NHPA Section 106 training in Omaha
  - completed Section 106 on 4 park projects (Flagpole removal, Mesnard house, Limerick house, Union Building conduit), including 2 that required consultation with the SHPO and archeological monitoring (flagpole, Union Building)
  - Processed Section 106 paperwork for 13 partner projects

### **Technical Assistance**

The Superintendent, Management Assistant, and Historian provided 292 hours of technical assistance to partners during the last quarter.

## Report to KNHP Advisory Commission

John Rosemurgy

Ben Guettler, Architectural Technician

Preservation Services

07/15/2010

### Technical Assistance Log

April	9 hours
May	17 hours
June	50 hours
July	10 hours

### KNHP Project Updates

- Union Building Interior Rehabilitation
  - Refer to Karl Benda's report for project update.
- Union Building Window Restoration (second and third story windows) & Keweenaw History Center Window Restoration
  - Awarded to Clark Construction in September, 2009
  - Project proceeding on schedule.
  - Contact Modification approved to add custom storm windows for Library.
  - Project completion set for September 30, 2010.
- C&H Russell Snowplow Restoration
  - Schematic restoration plans and design for accessibility ramp completed and submitted by Quinn Evans Architects the week of April 5.
  - Currently working with NPS Contracting Office to award contract for production of Construction Documents
- C&H Warehouse No.1 Masonry Restoration
  - Total project funding \$134,320 (20% Rec Fee)
  - Work underway with completion planned for early August 2010.
- Stabilize Mesnard Street Car Station
  - Total project funding \$21,000 (HSS)
  - Scope of Work: roof repairs; installation of window security panels; volunteer vegetation removal, debris removal, and installation of cap on spring house foundation.
  - Project completed

- Install new Slate Roof for KHC
  - Construction documents for slate roof installation under development in house.
  - Project planned for 2011.
- Restore C&H Warehouse No. 1 Windows
  - Construction documents for window restoration underdevelopment in house.
  - Project planned for 2011.

### **Partner Project Update**

- Coppertown Mining Museum
  - Developed plans for new exhibit at Pattern Storage Building (in collaboration with Coppertown. Work involves construction of new custom wire mesh door panels and accessible viewing platform.
- Copper Range Historical Museum
  - Documented existing conditions and developed schematic alternatives for building accessibility.
  - Follow up meeting with Copper Range to be scheduled to review alternatives.
- Property Owner, 115 Fifth Street, Calumet
  - Documented existing conditions and developed façade rehabilitation alternatives.
- QMHA - Stabilize Company house, 158 Limerick (c. 1860) & Outbuildings
  - Total project funding \$33,000 (HSS)
  - Scope of Work: reroofing; installation of window security panels; volunteer vegetation removal, debris removal, and bracing remaining walls of dilapidated outbuildings.
  - Project completed – only minor punch list items remain
- Village of Calumet Certified Local Government Application (re-submittal)
  - Presented draft of Basic Requirement No. 5 – Community Preservation Goals with input from the Village Council at June meeting.
  - Work session planned with Village Council committee on July 23 to finalize Preservation Plan for review by Village Council.

Summary by: Karl Benda July 15, 2010

## Construction Management

### **Union Building Phase 2 Interior Project:**

Yalmer Mattila Contracting, Inc. (Houghton, MI) is the General Contractor of this \$3.8 million dollar project to rehabilitate the interior of the Union Building to be used as the parks Calumet Unit visitor center. The project is scheduled to complete in June 2011. The contractor was given notice to proceed on June 15, 2010 and actual work started on June 17, 2010. Since starting work the contractor has completed mobilization, concrete placement for the basement slab, demolition of the attic cabinets in preparation for the HVAC units to be located there and planning for the routing of the mechanical and electrical systems. The road borings and trenching for the new fiber optic cable to run from the Keweenaw History Center to the Union Building is ongoing and being witnessed by an archeologist as work progresses.

### **Quincy Smelter Phase 1:**

The reveratory furnace building is currently undergoing a cleaning as well as abatement of any observed asbestos or other hazardous materials encountered during cleaning. This work is being performed by Northwoods Environmental (Ontonagan, MI) along with an Industrial Archeologist student from MTU who is logging and photographing the progress along with items found. Items of value found are temporarily being stored by Keweenaw National Historical Park in WH #1 to preserve them for the owner, Franklin Township.

UPEA structural engineer, George Kiiskila, has put together a report with recommendations for structural repairs in preparation for metal roofing to be installed on the building.

A chimney cap was just completed on the large concrete stack at the smelter facility to protect the stack from water infiltration.

The carpenter shop and the metal shop will also be cleaned by Northwoods Environmental after the Reveratory Furnace Building is completed.

This entire phase 1 project is valued at \$285,000.00

YCC Report  
Charlie Masten  
Chief of Preservation Services

The YCC crew has a total of 1400 work hours in already in the first 5 weeks (crew of 6 + leader). They have performed interior restroom painting & brushing projects at QMHA, Coppertown, Schoolcraft Cornish Cemetery (Cal. Twp), brushing in Cal. Twp. and Calumet Village & Agassiz Park, Calumet Industrial core litter patrol & brushing, Italian Hall Site cleanup & brushing, and numerous smaller projects in C&H Warehouse #1 and park HQ. That's about all I can think of right now without Danielle's work summaries. I think John pretty well covered our divisional projects.

## Keweenaw NHP Document

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### Division of Museum & Archival Services

April 20, 2010

### Highlights & Issues

1. Museum Backlog Cataloging Project. At the six (6) month mark of this project, Museum Technicians Tricia Miller, Renée Blackburn, and Brandon Sexton have cataloged a total of 1874 objects into 1644 catalog records. That is an addition of 1388 objects and 1304 catalog records this quarter, a really amazing level of productivity. Renée's efforts have focused on cataloging items the park salvaged from the Quincy and Calumet & Hecla mine offices, while Tricia has been focused principally on the Jack Foster collection and items slated for exhibit in the Union Building. Between his collection care and other duties, Brandon was able to contribute about 70 catalog records, all for engraving (printing) plates from the Keweenaw Printing Company collection.
2. Object Highlight. For the July 2010 quarterly meeting, our highlighted object is CAT. # KEWE 3191, a Crosby Steam Gage & Valve Company Deadweight Pressure Gauge Tester. The tester was recovered from the Quincy Mine office in 2001, where presumably it had been used by the mining company to calibrate or test pressure gauges from their vast steam power plant (including locomotives). The Crosby Steam Gage & Valve Company was a Boston company founded in 1875, which, in addition to being a maker of gauges and valves, was a noted manufacturer of steam whistles.



3. Collections care. Museum Technician Brandon Sexton continues to provide excellent care for the museum collections, in performing the required museum housekeeping, environmental monitoring, and integrated pest management. Some of that work continues to be impacted by the windows project, but Brandon and the remainder of the staff have managed those impacts well. Brandon's work on writing the "Museum Damage Limitation Plan" (MDLP) section of the park's Structural Fire Management Plan (SFMP) is nearly complete. He is awaiting the

museum team, meeting to identify our salvage and protect-in-place priorities. He continues to make updates to the Museum Housekeeping Plan (MHP) as needed, with corresponding adjustments in the housekeeping schedules. Experience Works employee Mick McKellar made great progress in flattening maps and drawings and in re-housing materials from the Merchant and Miners Bank records. Several other collections have been cold-fumigated (using the Wei T'o Insect Exterminator/ Book Dryer) and/or cleaned by staff.

4. Archives Backlog Cataloging Project. The Archives Backlog Cataloging Project remains on track for fiscal year 2011. This is a service-wide endeavor, with significant funding assigned to it (\$30 million over three years). Out of the service-wide budget, Keweenaw is eligible for approximately \$317,000, an amount based on our archival backlog as reported in our 2008 Collection Management Report. The particulars of the project remain as reported last quarter, it will house (re-house), organize, describe, catalog, and create a finding aid for the park's collection of Quincy Mining Company records. The project is not funded to cold-fumigate, clean, or conserve these records, all work being done this summer. Park Museum Technician Brandon Sexton and new Youth Program hire Museum Aid Jonathan Kilpela are doing that work, They have been busy introducing new materials into the Wei T'o Freezer, cycling them out, transporting the materials to a cleaning station in the Library's 3<sup>rd</sup> -floor gallery, carefully cleaning the material page-by-page, and then thoughtfully organizing the materials so they are well-staged for the contractors in the fall. Since the contractors will be working with the Quincy records on-site, work space will need to be readied, hardware set-up, and other preparations made for the project (such as improvements to climate control, security, etc.). Division Chief Brian Hoduski and Archivist Jeremiah Mason will provide technical advice for the project, with our national office handling the contracting. Once completed, this project will make the park's Quincy records accessible and available for research, complementing the Quincy materials held by the MTU Archives.
5. Youth Intern Program. As reported on last quarter, the park received funding this year from a Service-wide initiative called the Youth Intern Program. The program's aim is to introduce minority, disabled, and disadvantaged youth (age 15-25) to careers with the National Park Service. Three (3) positions are funded for KNHP this year, two (2) in the MAS Division. The MAS positions include a Museum Aid and an Archives Technician. MTU undergraduate Jonathan Kilpela began June 7<sup>th</sup> as the Museum Aid and Western Michigan University graduate student Anita Wuoti began the same day as an Archives Technician. They are both outstanding additions to the staff. In Jonathan's first five weeks he has processed over twenty-five (25) storage boxes and 12 ledgers of Quincy materials. Those materials have included invoices, shift reports, financial records, correspondence, and medical and employment papers. Anita has been equally hard at work, producing family histories for archival finding aids, conducting background research for the Union Building exhibit, and reviewing oral history transcripts. Both having accomplished their work while also participating with other youth employees and volunteers/interns in enhanced career training and orientation to the National Park Service one day each week.
6. Museum acquisitions. As has been the case for the past year, efforts to acquire items needed for the Union Building "Life in a Mining Community" exhibit

continue. However, the end of this effort is very near, with over 95% of items selected. Many thanks to all those in the community who have come forth with their treasured family items and to our partner sites which have loaned or donated objects critical to telling the stories of the exhibit. In that regard, special thanks to the Houghton County Historical Society, the Quincy Mine Hoist Association, Coppertown Mining Museum, the Chassell Heritage Organization (Friends of Fashion), the Copper Country F&AM Lodge, and Temple Jacob. Without their assistance, this exhibit would not have the same power or impact it now has. Also, thanks to the Statue of Liberty National Monument and Gettysburg National Military Park for their willingness to loan us copper-related items from their sites/collections. From the Statue of Liberty we will be able to exhibit a copper "leaf" ornament from the torch railing, and from Gettysburg, we will be able to exhibit Union Army brass buttons, insignia, and a belt buckle recovered from the battlefield. All powerful connections to the role Michigan copper played in our Nation's history and heritage. In addition to items for the exhibit, the park continues to acquire historical family and personal papers, historic photographs and film, and many other items. One particularly notable gift is of a finished documentary film with raw footage of the Keweenaw made in 1969 by Jim Dulemba. The film contains images of the C&H and Quincy operations, and scenes from inside the Copper Falls mine. All of this acquisition has created a significant backlog in accessioning, with at least 30 yet to complete.

7. Fourth Thursday in History Program. The Fourth Thursday program continues to chug along, now entering its 10<sup>th</sup> year. Many thanks to all who have made it a success, particularly to all who have taken the time to give a presentation, including Advisory Commission chair, Kim Hoagland. Kim spoke about her new book "Mine Towns: Buildings for Workers in Michigan's Copper Country," in May, and also thanks to NPS staffers Jeremiah Mason and Jo Urion who spoke on Alexander Agassiz for the Fourth Thursday's 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in June. Please be sure to attend Lynn Bjorkman and Arne Alanen's "Cows, Cabbages and Clotheslines: Backyard Farming in Mining Towns of the Lake Superior Region" on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at the MTU Noblet Forestry Center at 7PM.
8. Volunteer museum & archives work at KNHP. The division continues to benefit from volunteers. Most notably this summer, interns Matt Adair and Annelise Doll, graduate students from the University of Michigan's School of Information. They have been great additions to our staff and to the community, and are making very important contributions to the division. Both have helped with accessioning, completing nearly thirty (30) between them. Both have worked on finding aids, with Matt completing aids for the Anderson – Eklund family papers, as well as the Hammes family papers; and Annelise, the Ghiardi family papers and the Bell family papers. Together, they arranged the A.B. Quello World War II letters; an amazing collection of correspondence received over the course of the war by A.B. Quello, from servicemen and women. Quello was the proprietor of the Laurium saloon, the Board of Trade, where he posted in his windows the pictures of saloon patrons who were serving overseas. The collection contains over 1200 letters from at least 252 individual correspondents. Since last report, volunteer Mick McKellar resigned his position for health reasons. Amazingly hard-working and competent, Mick was a great member of our team who will be missed. We will also be losing volunteer Katrina Yarbrough this week, as she will be off to

school in San Francisco. She also will be missed. Added to our staff last week, is Jim Shilson, as a 20 hour per week volunteer museum aid. Jim will be picking up the work Mick was doing, including archival box building, flattening maps and drawings, and helping to clean the Quincy Mining Company records, among other things.

9. Keweenaw Heritage Sites assistance and cooperative projects. KNHP is enrolled in a web-based professional development series from the American Association of Museums for museum personnel and museum managers called the "All You Can Eat Special." Heritage Site museum and management folk have been invited to participate at park HQ in this series of live webinars and web conferences, which include such topics as Disaster Preparedness, Museum/School Partnerships, Collections Acquisition, etc.. Recordings of these web-based events can also be shown at the park on demand. Done in lieu of the annual springtime 2-day workshop put on by MAS staff, the trainings are being offered free of charge to the Heritage Sites. Unfortunately, attendance to-date has been disappointing, but there are several more opportunities into October for Heritage and other partner sites to participate. As reported on in April, MAS will begin assisting Coppertown Mining Museum and the Ontonagon County Historical Society in establishing a museum documentation program, including for Coppertown the loan of a computer workstation. We had initially planned to deliver this assistance early in the summer, but problems securing a computer for Coppertown and exhibit workload have delayed us. The Calumet Theater Archives Project staff continue to process their archives in their office in the Keweenaw History Center and to receive ongoing assistance from MAS staff on archival questions. Park archivist Jeremiah Mason continues to participate in Calumet Mainstreet's Design Committee. MAS staff have spent 28 hours in this area during the report period.
10. Union Building research, planning, and design. The Union Building rehabilitation and exhibit installation remains a central focus for division staff and continues to be a large component of its workload. The Division continues working with the exhibit's contractor and Harpers Ferry Center in the selection and procurement of objects to populate the exhibit (see section 6 of this report), and will be heavily involved in reviewing and editing label copy for the exhibits. The division has also participated in review of the architectural/construction design drawings and will play a central role in securing and curating representative architectural fragments from the building during demolition.
11. KHC windows project. The project is nearing completion. Nearly all work has been completed on the first and second-floor windows, with work nearing completion on the basement level windows. While the project has been a disruption to division operations, the end-product will be worth it in improved thermal performance, operability, appearance, and security. Many thanks to project manager Karl Benda for his careful coordination of the project and thanks also to Clarke Construction for their consideration for our staff, the building, and our collections.
12. Research conducted at the Keweenaw History Center. Park archivist Jeremiah Mason continues to provide excellent reference services. To date in FY 2010, we have had 129 Research Requests. Reference requests continue to be focused

on the usual family and residential history, as well as research for the Union Building exhibit. New areas include Copper Country prohibition history, postal covers (an international research request), and historic blueprinting and photo-reproduction by Copper Country mining companies.

13. Lake Superior Collection Management Center. As reported in previous meeting, the creation of a Collection Management Plan (CMP) for the multi-park repository here at Keweenaw will happen next year. This planning effort will determine how the parks involved will cooperate in this venture and spell out timelines and responsibilities. Limited implementation of the multi-park concept may begin as soon as the CMP is completed, with full implementation to happen when the storage facility construction work is complete. In preparation for that planning effort, Division Chief Brian Hoduski will be traveling to the South Florida Parks Collection Management Center (SFPCMC) at Everglades National Park the first week in August to attend a strategic planning meeting for the SFPCMC and to meet with manager Nancy Russell to discuss the operation of the Center.
14. Annual inventory. Next week the division, with at least one outside person, will conduct the annual inventory of the park's museum collections. The inventory not only assures accountability, but also provides for an annual review of the collection's condition. If a Commission member would like to participate in the Annual Inventory, he or she would be most welcome.
15. Library. Materials continue to be added to the park's library collection. Museum Technician Brandon Sexton is now assisting in cataloging new publications. Please remember that the library resources are available for Commission use.
16. Information Technology. Among the many work elements Museum Technician Brandon Sexton is responsible for, he was recently assigned an additional one, IT coordinator for KNHP. He has been doing a terrific job in this new role, averaging about eight (8) hours per week on this work. Many thanks to Brandon for taking this on.

## **Interpretation and Education Report, July 2010**

### **Interpretation & Education Activities:**

1. The summer interpretive schedule has been set and is posted on the Park webpage. It is also listed in the Keweenaw Guide and on posters located throughout the communities.
2. Interpretive programs have begun with two new seasonals, Ron Jones and Keith Payne. Both are enthusiastic and bring new perspectives and ideas to the interpretive operation.
3. Seasonal interpretive staff are attending local community events with a park information booth and by marching in local parades, greatly increasing park awareness.
4. Park headquarters is open on weekends when seasonal staffs are available. Visitor attendance to park headquarters is up again as compared to last year.
5. Ellen attended a volunteer training in Minneapolis in April and has volunteer information to share with any interested Keweenaw Heritage Sites.
6. Upcoming Fourth Thursday in History programs:
  - a. July 22 – Cows, Cabbages, and Clotheslines – Lynn Bjorkman and Arnold Alanen
  - b. August 26 – The White Pine Townsite: Something Old, Something New - Larry Lankton
  - c. Sept. 23 – “A more favorable combination of circumstances could hardly have been desired: a bottom to top look at the Cliff Mine - Sean Gohman
  - d. Oct. 28 – Copper Country Calamities – Avis West

### **Media Update:**

7. The 2010 Keweenaw Guide has been distributed throughout the state to MI DOT Visitor Centers, all Keweenaw Heritage Sites, some sites in Wisconsin and Minneapolis, and area hotels.
8. Dan continues to update the park webpage with information, local events, and happenings related to the park and KHS. Three multi-media presentations have been completed and are now uploaded on the park webpage. The park Twitter page continues to slowly increase with followers throughout the U.S.
9. Dan has been providing technical assistance to the Quincy Mine as they develop interpretive panels for the hoist house.
10. Dan attended a media workshop at Yellowstone NP learning how to develop tours, podcasts, and other media formats. He will work on developing new media for the park this fall and winter.

### **Union Building Update:**

11. Work continues with exhibit development and design. The first full review of text and graphics will take place August 3 – 5.
12. Dan and Kathleen met with International Mapping, the contractor hired to design the interactive floor map for the Union Building exhibit, on July 5 -6. They toured the Keweenaw Peninsula and will return for more detailed work in addition to contacting each of the Keweenaw Heritage Sites for further information.

### **Miscellaneous Activities:**

13. The next IRKPA board meeting is July 22, 2010 and will include a farewell gathering for Jill Burkland, retired executive director, from 4:00-5:00pm.
14. Kristine Bradoff, new IRKPA Executive Director began work on March 1 and met with Kathleen, Jim, and Ellen on March 3 to discuss transition and new association sales

- items. Ellen served as the acting liaison for IRKPA and the park during Kathleen's absence.
15. IRKPA board member Ed Sheridan has been attending many local community events with an information tent and display, helping local community members better understand the role of IRKPA and the park connection.
  16. Park staff met with and provided special tours of park and partner facilities for Marcella Wells and her staff as part of an interpretive planning session for the Copper Country Trail. Further public meetings and visitor surveys will take place in mid-August.
  17. Dan is spending two weeks in Jordan conducting interpretive training for staffs at three national park sites. He is out of the country from July 7 – 22.